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SUBJECT: PEACE PEOPLE ASSIST ESCAPERS FROM PARAMILITARY
ORGANIZATIONS

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1. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 24 GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO STORY IN METROPOLITAN SUNDAY NEWSPAPER (MIRROR) THAT REPORTED BELFAST PEACE PEOPLE WERE ESTABLISHING NETWORKS TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS WHO WISHED TO DEFECT. LOCAL EDITORIAL WRITERS AND COMMENTATORS EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT LAWBREAKERS COULD ESCAPE CONSEQUENCES BY USING PEACE PEOPLE NETWORK TO LEAVE PROVINCE.

2. IN TALK TO BELFAST ROTARY CLUB TODAY MRS. BETTY WILLIAMS ATTACKED MEDIA DISTORTIONS AND CLARIFIED PEACE MOVEMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ACTIVITY. SHE SAID PURPOSE WAS PRIMARILY TO OFFER RELEASED CONVICTS AN ALTERNATIVE TO RETURN TO PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. TOTAL NUMBER INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE (PROBABLY WEST GERMANY) NOW 49.

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3. IN OTHER HIGHLIGHTS SHE OUTLINED PEACE MOVEMENT FINANCIAL SITUATION, PLEADED FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO SCHOOLS (REFTEL A) AND, IN TYPICAL BLUNT MANNER, SUGGESTED ALL PRESENT SHOULD ACCEPT BLAME FOR NORTHERN IRELAND SITUATION. IT INTERESTING THAT BELFAST ROTARIANS, LARGELY PROTESTANT, ALL MALE AND MIDDLE CLASS, RECEIVED BOTH MRS. WILLIAMS AND HER MESSAGE WARMLY AND SERIOUSLY.

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